

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

By this amendment, claim 18 is amended. Accordingly, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 3-6, 8, 18, 19, 28 and 29 will remain pending in the application.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claim 18 is rejected by the Examiner as being indefinite. The Examiner asserts that in claim 18, the recitation "as one of the following" is vague because there is only one condition enumerated. Applicants have deleted the phrase "as one of the following" from claim 18 which corrects a clerical error. Thus Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

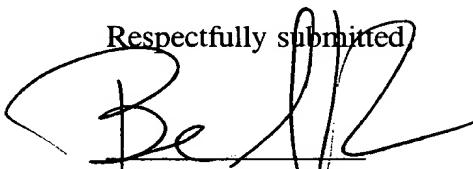
CONCLUSION

As the above-presented amendments and remarks address and overcome all of the rejections presented by the Examiner, withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, he or she is requested to contact the undersigned.

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Date

Respectfully submitted,


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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE:

18. (~~Twice~~Three Times Amended) An isolated, enriched, or purified nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence that:

(a) encodes a full length polypeptide having the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:36;

(b) is the complement of the nucleotide sequence of (a); or
(c) hybridizes ~~under conditions~~ to the nucleic acid molecule of (b), ~~wherein said~~ under conditions that are at least as stringent as ~~one~~ of the following:

~~50% formamide, 5 x SSC, 0.75 M NaCl, 0.075 M Sodium pyrophosphate, 5 x Denhart's solution, sonicated salmon sperm DNA (50 g/ml), 0.1% SDS, and 10% dextran sulfate at 42°C 42 °C, with washes at 42°C 42 °C in 0.2X SSC and 0.1 % SDS.~~

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